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(57) Abstract

The invention provides human G-protein coupled receptor proteins (GCRP) and polynucleotides which identify and encode GCRP. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with expression of GCRP.

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PF-0612 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/ 23317	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/10/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/10/1998
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

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3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claim 19 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17,18,20
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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see additional sheet, invention 1.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 17,18,20

Claims 17, 18 and 20 refer to an agonist, an antagonist and to the use of an antagonist of the polypeptide of claim 1 without giving a true technical characterization. Moreover, no such compound is defined in the application. In consequence, the scope of said claims is ambiguous and vague, and their subject-matter is not sufficiently disclosed and supported (Art. 5 and 6 PCT). No search can be carried out for such speculative claims the wording of which is, in fact, a mere recitation of the results to be achieved.

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1. Invention 1: claims 1-20 all partially
A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SeqIdNo.1, a fragment of said polypeptide, a variant polypeptide having at least 90% sequence identity to said polypeptide; an isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding said polypeptide, a variant polynucleotide having at least 70% sequence identity to said polynucleotide, a polynucleotide hybridising to said polynucleotide, a polynucleotide having a sequence complementary to said polynucleotide; a detection method using said complementary polynucleotide; a polynucleotide comprising a sequence of SeqIdNo.9 or a fragment thereof, a polynucleotide having at least 70% sequence identity to said polynucleotide of SeqIdNo.9, a polynucleotide complementary to said polynucleotide of SeqIdNo.9; expression vector, host and recombinant method related thereto; a pharmaceutical composition comprising said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1 or fragment of said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1; an antibody to said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1 or fragment of said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1; an agonist to said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1; an antagonist to said polypeptide of SeqIdNo.1; therapeutic application thereof

2. Inventions 2-7: claims 1-20 all partially
Idem as for subject 1 but limited to each of the polypeptide sequences as in SeqIdNo.3-8 and the corresponding polynucleotide sequences as in SeqIdNo.11-16, wherein respectively invention 2 is limited to SeqIdNo.3 and SeqIdNo.11, invention 3 is limited to SeqIdNo.4 and SeqIdNo.12, ..., invention 7 is limited to SeqIdNo.8 and SeqIdNo.16

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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